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Dear Sir or Madam:

As a college student at a private liberal arts college in Minnesota working in the Information Technology Dept. I have witnessed first hand the outcome of Microsoft's unfettered actions. Our campus suffers directly because of the built-in incompatibility of MS products to work with competitors' products including JAVA, QuickTime, Mac OS, Linux, BSD UNIX, Solaris, and other backbone technologies.

Last year our campus made a rush move to upgrade from Windows NT 4.0 to Windows 2000 because of the promise that we would be able to integrate it into our network structure more smoothly. This has not been the case. While the problems with NT rendered much of the campus network of 4,000 terminals unusable for our 2,400 students and many of our faculty, Windows 2000 has been a mixed blessing. Campus wide incompatibilities still loom large and prevent a true cross-platform environment [which we have been able to create between minority alternative platforms] from existing. Our reliance on MS software due to their various monopolies has ensured that we may not choose to migrate away from the Windows platform.

I have read and reviewed the published information regarding the MS settlement agreed to by MS and the DOJ and have contacted my Attorney General regarding the matter. I do not agree with the settlement proposed by the DOJ and the nine states which have decided to settle. I do agree with the settlement proposed by the nine states continuing the case which was refused by Microsoft.

I feel that MS must be forced to provide an unbundled version of Windows to OEMs, open source code to monopoly tied software such as Windows, Internet Explorer, Office, and others and license other companies to produce fulling compatible versions of MS software for both Windows and other platforms. These licensees must be given full and complete access to any proprietary code that relates in anyway to the product they are to produce so that they are able to have an equal chance to develop quality software.

As Always,

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